

“Public health is in large measure  
public awareness.”

-Dr. Alfred Tauber, *Director of Center for  
Philosophy and History of Science,  
Boston University*

## Purpose of the program

*The Bioterrorism Preparedness  
Program on Kauai is designed to  
promote competency in  
bioterrorism and establish  
workforce preparedness for public  
health emergencies.*

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bt-prep](http://www.hawaii.gov/health/bt-prep)  
and  
[www.bt.cdc.gov/](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/)  
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Kauai District Health Office

## Kauai Bioterrorism Preparedness Program

# BTP

Epidemics

Biological Attacks

Health Emergencies



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## Partnership



*The Lihue Health Center in downtown Lihue houses the Kauai Bioterrorism Preparedness Program*

Recently, significant media attention has been given to health concerns such as West Nile Virus, SARS, pandemic flu, and anthrax attacks.

The State of Hawaii and the Kauai District Health Office are prepared to respond to such an emergency. Public health practitioners have been working closely with medical responders and civil defense personnel to improve local level coordination.

The Bioterrorism Preparedness Program on Kauai has designated staff for county-wide planning, epidemiologic investigations, and education on bioterrorism.

## Protection



*The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is a cache of emergency medicines and supplies to deploy within the Hawaiian Islands in the case of a disaster. The distribution of the stockpile is designed to be both rapid and organized.*

The Kauai District Health Office is working with the Civil Defense Agency to plan on receipt of the SNS in the event of an emergency.

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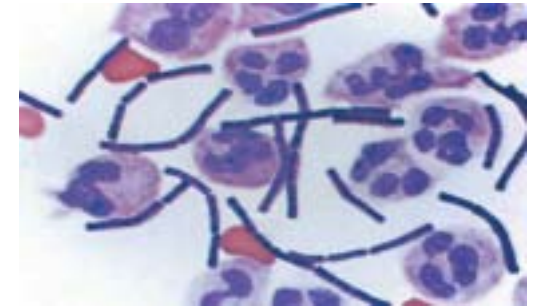
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## Modern Day Public Health



*Anthrax spores magnified here in the cerebrospinal fluid of an infected patient. The anthrax attacks in 2001 caused 22 cases of infection, including 5 deaths.*

Although the risk of a deadly outbreak is unknown, technology has changed the way diseases spread and have an impact on our lives. An epidemic half-way around the world could have repercussions on Kauai. In addition, biological and chemical weapons have been used historically to intentionally cause harm. The agents of concern include smallpox, anthrax, plague, and ricin. The Bioterrorism Preparedness Program has information on signs of the above listed health problems plus many others, and how to protect yourself. We also give presentations to community groups upon request.